

To: Chairperson and Authority Members **Date:** March 8, 2002
From: Mehdi Morshed, Executive Director
Subject: Agenda Item 6 – Transbay Terminal Presentation

Discussion:

Maria Ayerdi, representing the City of San Francisco, will present an update on the efforts to implement a new multi-modal transportation station at the Transbay Terminal.

The City and County of San Francisco, the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (JPB – the operator of the Caltrain commuter services), the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency, and the Federal Transit Board are the lead agencies on the preparation of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIR/EIS) for the New Transbay Terminal and Caltrain Downtown Extension. Two alternatives have been defined for each of the three components of the project:

- New Transbay Terminal
- Extension of Caltrain to the Terminal, and
- Redevelopment of properties in the Terminal area.

The Draft EIR/EIS will be released in early spring 2002, and the Final EIR/EIS completed by fall 2002. Groundbreaking for the project is planned for 2003. Both rail alignment alternatives have been designed to assure compatibility with the types of trains likely to be operated on the Authority's proposed high-speed train system. The project is planned to include over seven million square feet of residential, office, retail, and hotel development, including more than 4,500 new housing units, at least 20 percent of which is proposed as affordable housing.

Attached is a newsletter provided by the City of San Francisco that outlines the progress of the Transbay Terminal.